

perhaps Section 4 could not be interpreted as a limitation upon Section 3 but could be read merely as a reporting requirement. I was wondering whether this language added to the end of the first section of Section 3, and assuming the Chambers amendment is adopted, would seem to be appropriate to what you are trying to do. I am trying to understand what it is...the scope of what we're trying to do here and the limitations, and be in that spirit or in that context, but I don't think I'm quite there yet. But let me ask you this, because I think it will explain a lot to me. Would you mind if there was an amendment to that first sentence that added the words "or in the case where no fee is set forth in statute, for a term no longer than one year." What I am doing would be this, that first sentence says that with respect to situations where the fee is delineated, you cannot have a fee higher than that. So effectively with respect to new contracts, we don't have much to fear because even if they enter into new contracts, they will be limited to the fee set in statute. So far so good?

SENATOR BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Now with respect to those category of cases where no fee is provided but where under theoretically you could make whatever fee you chose, there's nothing in here, as I read it, that would prohibit somebody from making a new contract for X dollars fee, and then saying this contract is going to be for ten years. And if they did that sort of thing, if that's possible under the statute and they did that sort of thing, then it seems to me that it'd be contrary to what you're trying to do, which is to strictly limit everything in existence now so that the Legislature can look at it and decide comprehensively on all these matters how they should be addressed, and so what my amendment says is with respect to that category of cases, or would say with respect to that category of cases where no fee is set forth in statute, to limit the terms of those kinds of new contracts to one year. Now two questions, is that within the spirit of...first of all, do you think that's necessary and, two, is it advisable in the sense of is that within the con...isn't that within the context of what you're attempting to do?

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Beutler, the spirit and intent of our compromise was to...